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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: ARAFAT'S TRIP TO US

1. FAHMY TOLD ME TODAY THAT HE HAD JUST MET WITH YASSER ARAFAT, WHO HAD CONFIRMED THAT HE PLANS TO ATTEND UNGA SESSION IN NEW YORK. ARAFAT HAD ASKED FAHMY TO PASS ON TO USG THAT HE WANTS TO BE ASSURED OF ADEQUATE SECURITY WHILE IN NEW YORK. ACCORDINGLY, HE WOULD LIKE TO BE ALLOWED TO TAKE ALONG HIS OWN SECURITY PEOPLE TO NEW YORK. THEY WOULD WORK WITH US SECURITY PEOPLE TO PROTECT ARAFAT. FAHMY MADE IT CLEAR THAT ARAFAT DOES NOT WANT HIS OWN SECURITY PEOPLE TO SUBSTITUTE FOR US SECURITY PEOPLE.

2. FAHMY ADDED THAT, IF APPROVED, USG WOULD BE INFORMED OF ALL OF ARAFAT'S GUARDS AND WEAPONS THEY WILL CARRY.

3. SPEAKING ON GOE BEHALF, FAHMY STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF PROVIDING ADEQUATE US SECURITY TO ARAFAT AND TO OTHER ARAB LEADERS WHO WILL ATTEND UPCOMING UNGA DEBATE ON PALESTINE.
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